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Dear Jim

Thank you for your email of 25 September 2008 regarding the potential impact on Hector's and Maui's dolphins from generators in the Kaipara Harbour.

The concerns you have raised are noted. My department is currently reviewing the resource consent granted by the Northland Regional Council to Crest Energy Kaipara Limited to install turbines within the Kaipara Harbour. I have been advised by the department that the welfare of Maui's dolphins was one of a number of issues raised in submissions. The department had an expert at the hearings (Dr Du Fresne) and evidence, along with draft conditions to protect Maui's dolphins, was presented.

I have been advised that an appeal of the consent is being lodged based, amongst other matters, on the need to ensure consent conditions are adequate to protect Maui's dolphins and, in particular, that adequate, good-quality monitoring and planning occurs prior to the turbines being installed. If this happens, there will be a greater understanding of the site and the impact of the turbines and this information can be used to adjust the proposal to minimise impacts.

Thank you for expressing your concerns about the welfare of Maui's dolphins, which I and my department share with you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S Chadwick'.

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